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# MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1945. December ...	54	43	46	61	49	42	48	48	47	92	69	67	82
1946. January ...	153	100	166	236	151	130	110	184	158	92	44	67	77
February ...	95	129	327	228	195	49	153	363	269	174	77	100	140
March ...	66	76	105	43	79	48	76	113	95	164	197	63	160
April ...	66	90	61	14	65	60	78	48	57	98	291	136	152
May ...	39	40	53	24	42	37	35	49	43	13	22	30	18
June ...	23	38	75	64	49	33	38	59	50	6	69	173	44
July ...	17	38	109	34	55	20	42	114	84	1	2	7	2
August ...	2	13	60	8	25	1	14	60	41	20	3	19	16
September ...	203	68	15	156	99	160	47	10	39	101	76	52	88
October ...	34	63	51	17	46	24	61	46	47	103	51	66	85
November ...	84	77	191	73	116	71	100	196	155	45	66	225	73
December ...	78	83	98	116	90	72	88	102	94	79	77	34	72

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44; 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45 and 431,549,000 lb. in 1945-46.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10<sup>s</sup> 7<sup>d</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> sterling or 13<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12<sup>s</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> sterling (Aust. 15<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>d</sup>) in 1942-43 to 1945-46.

The current clip is being sold by auction under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of new wool.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
July ...	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503
August ...	105,532	113,506	110,161	66,310	189,247	189,713	178,857	139,813
September ...	158,065	73,356	132,093	206,309	347,312	263,069	310,950	346,122
October ...	173,622	129,588	183,001	209,694	520,934	392,657	493,951	555,816
November ...	128,231	166,656	174,501	128,416	649,165	559,313	668,452	684,232
December ...	94,774	111,713	47,412	67,454	743,939	671,026	715,864	751,686
January ...	135,652	101,888	44,883	...	879,591	772,914	760,747	...
February ...	60,931	24,884	23,146	...	940,522	797,798	783,893	...
March ...	43,493	23,799	28,966	...	984,015	821,597	812,859	...
April ...	42,000	20,854	36,385	...	1,026,015	842,451	849,244	...
May ...	51,274	34,419	40,424	...	1,077,289	876,870	889,668	...
June ...	56,870	41,007	36,141	...	1,134,159	917,877	925,809	...



## 3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44 ... ..	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45... ..	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46... ..	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6

Preliminary estimate of the 1946-47 wheat yield is 16,000,000 bushels approximately.

## 4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Thousand lb.						
July ... ..	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641
August ... ..	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758
September ... ..	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254
October ... ..	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,488	7,557	4,446
November ... ..	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070
December ... ..	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	8,820	...
January ... ..	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	8,146	...
February ... ..	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	8,146	...
March ... ..	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	8,498	...
April ... ..	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	6,185	...
May ... ..	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	4,468	...
June ... ..	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	2,772	...
Year ... ..	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	74,280	...
Five months ended Nov.	40,750	35,234	31,704	27,580	27,245	18,169

## 5. COAL PRODUCTION† IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Commonwealth Coal Commissioner.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1946 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
First... ..	19th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519
Second ... ..	16th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860
Third ... ..	16th Mar.	981	813	781	863	913
Fourth ... ..	13th April	886	843	782	755	859
Fifth ... ..	11th May	1,003	843	930	791	674
Sixth ... ..	8th June	965	907	866	914	906
Seventh ... ..	6th July	918	899	884	846	798
Eighth ... ..	3rd Aug.	953	905	884	914	846
Ninth ... ..	31st Aug.	1,028	938	880	778	911
Tenth ... ..	28th Sept.	984	868	970	842	975
Eleventh ... ..	26th Oct.	973	937	870	759	1,017
Twelfth ... ..	23rd Nov.	965	939	891	869	976
Thirteenth ... ..	21st Dec.	886	904	906	308	932
52 weeks Total†	...	12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...	...	56	60	180	523	756
Period of 52 weeks ended*—						
Northern District	26th Dec.	8,302	7,824	7,335	6,775	7,690
Western District...	...	1,646	1,499	1,702	1,626	1,758
Southern District*	...	2,261	2,150	2,006	1,775	1,738
Total (52 weeks)	...	12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above	...	56	60	180	523	756

\* The Four-weekly Periods in Southern District end a week later than in other districts.

† Production as recorded by Mines Department was 11,196,000 tons in 1939, 9,550,000 in 1940, 11,766,000 in 1941.

## BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## 6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
1946	101,100	780	1,191,938	212,811	1,200,643	305,206	1,505,849
Month—							
1945—Dec.	16,423	389	456,332	78,980	456,332	95,403	551,735
1946—Nov.	182,945	776	1,294,565	307,247	1,314,465	470,292	1,784,757
Dec.	75,053	572	933,822	134,854	933,822	209,907	1,143,729
Year ended December—							
1945	264,231	3,975	4,037,334	969,743	4,066,104	1,205,204	5,271,308
1946	1,213,194	9,364	14,303,259	2,553,734	14,407,714	3,662,473	18,070,187

Quarter,	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales New Buildings, Alterations and Additions. *
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£		£	£	£
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997
1939	1,126	849,892	215,389	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406
1940	850	752,163	183,881	363	250,096	35,659	4,151,369
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251
1946	1,496	1,599,803	312,322	1,195	1,347,792	116,450	7,893,914
December Quarter—							
1945	1,199	1,095,186	200,942	1,024	994,700	76,595	4,736,264
1946†	1,518	1,728,811	365,240	1,081	1,338,394	105,152	8,877,989
Year ended December—							
1945	2,368	1,894,277	518,215	2,445	2,013,738	203,467	9,901,005
1946†	5,984	6,399,211	1,249,289	4,781	5,391,166	465,801	31,575,654

\* Metro. polis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

† Preliminary.

## BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## 7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below :—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>							
Monthly Average—							
1939 ... ..	373,102	76,469	231,830	106,124	47,665	183,099	1,018,289
1944 ... ..	10,343	14,388	1,094	85,433	1,894	20,425	133,577
1945 ... ..	164,996	169,247	3,680	61,641	5,573	34,139	439,276
1946 ... ..	586,341	401,221	52,758	303,006	53,138	109,385	1,505,849
Month—							
1945 December ...	284,289	176,504	6,627	40,801	7,620	35,894	551,735
1946 November ...	684,363	376,527	84,247	366,192	149,601	123,827	1,784,757
1946 December ...	486,477	274,295	66,684	174,876	18,041	123,356	1,143,729
Year ended December							
1945 ... ..	1,979,949	2,030,958	44,159	739,696	66,878	409,668	5,271,308
1946 ... ..	7,036,097	4,814,648	633,092	3,636,071	637,657	1,312,622	18,070,187
<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>							
Quarterly Average—							
1939 ... ..	187,801	482,784	36,997	28,847	102,725	226,127	1,065,281
1944 ... ..	6,795	49,873	1,755	41,784	5,469	40,992	146,668
1945 ... ..	80,748	389,274	2,749	53,182	17,420	59,750	603,123
1946† ... ..	341,962	1,081,254	28,943	130,775	127,083	203,008	1,912,125
December Quarter—							
1945 ... ..	206,288	858,600	4,084	85,171	23,261	116,924	1,295,228
1946† ... ..	384,394	1,150,946	18,995	115,694	152,861	272,061	2,094,051
Year ended December							
1945 ... ..	322,990	1,557,097	10,994	212,729	69,682	239,000	2,412,492
1946† ... ..	1,367,846	4,325,015	112,173	523,101	508,332	812,033	7,648,500
<i>7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.</i>							
Quarterly Average—							
1939 ... ..	104,108	126,456	6,930	1,170	7,748	28,848	275,260
1944 ... ..	6,076	43,727	5	8,158	858	11,859	70,683
1945 ... ..	116,583	411,570	925	3,831	2,308	18,994	554,301
1946 ... ..	418,909	932,560	11,000	13,278	34,386	54,109	1,464,242
December Quarter—							
1945 ... ..	219,234	813,139	2,200	330	6,741	29,651	1,071,295
1946 ... ..	502,000	814,061	18,975	14,770	41,850	51,890	1,443,546
Year ended December							
1945 ... ..	466,330	1,646,281	3,700	15,325	9,592	75,977	2,217,205
1946 ... ..	1,675,635	3,730,242	44,000	53,113	137,542	216,435	5,856,967

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached. † Preliminary.

## 8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced ; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised :—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of December.			Year ended December.		
	*1944.	*1945.	1946.	*1944.	*1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs	159,680	353,590	274,427	1,606,227	3,661,801	3,793,518
Remainder of State...	1,211,371	172,095	178,945	2,304,145	1,638,295	2,651,068
Total, N.S. Wales ...	1,371,051	525,685	453,372	3,910,372	5,300,096	6,444,586

\* Revised.

## SECTION B.—TRADE.

## 9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Million £.								
Year ended 31st December ...	200·29	202·79	229·03	238·65	240·54	251·40	251·74	...
January ... ..	13·24	16·33	15·83	18·69	17·18	18·01	18·62	17·62
February ... ..	16·54	14·64	17·48	19·39	21·60	20·48	21·48	21·72
March ... ..	15·78	16·97	17·40	19·53	19·44	18·00	21·75	22·33
April ... ..	15·79	17·88	19·06	19·19	21·88	21·68	20·81	26·88
May ... ..	17·46	14·85	18·75	20·72	19·56	21·45	22·24	25·21
June ... ..	14·88	17·07	21·76	18·93	20·91	20·67	19·40	23·58
July ... ..	15·28	16·74	17·63	19·17	19·81	20·87	22·01	25·74
August ... ..	16·81	17·17	20·41	20·86	18·75	23·82	20·22	28·74
September ... ..	19·44	17·48	21·60	19·59	19·93	21·46	23·72	28·96
October ... ..	19·22	18·50	18·25	22·06	20·80	21·82	22·36	26·56
November ... ..	17·53	18·13	20·58	19·54	21·07	20·30	39·13	24·65
December ... ..	18·32	17·03	20·28	20·98	19·61	22·84		...

## 10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended December—			Percentage increase + or decrease —					
1938 ... ..	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939 ... ..	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940 ... ..	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941 ... ..	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1942 ... ..	304	303	— 5·3	+ 9·2	— 5·1	— 8·4		
1943 ... ..	303	306	— 11·3	— 6·8	— 9·7	— 17·6		
1944 ... ..	306	302	+ 3·2	— 0·2	— 4·6	+ 1·4		
1945 ... ..	302	301	+ 15·8	+ 11·1	+ 6·7	+ 5·0		
1945.								
November ...	26	26	+ 40·6	+ 2·1	+ 13·6	+ 12·0	+ 33·4	+ 10·4
December ...	24	23	+ 17·9	— 4·7	+ 17·4	+ 18·4	+ 30·8	+ 14·9
1946.								
January ... ..	25	25	+ 24·6	— 6·3	+ 16·9	+ 14·8	+ 27·1	+ 16·0
February ... ..	24	24	+ 37·4	— 9·6	+ 20·5	+ 19·4	+ 25·0	+ 18·2
March ... ..	26	26	+ 47·8	— 11·4	+ 21·1	+ 19·9	+ 37·2	+ 19·5
April ... ..	24	22	+ 47·2	— 13·0	+ 32·1	+ 20·2	+ 44·7	+ 24·6
May ... ..	26	27	+ 51·8	— 12·9	+ 29·4	+ 20·1	+ 49·0	+ 27·4
June ... ..	25	23	+ 9·6	— 7·5	+ 29·9	+ 21·0	+ 35·3	+ 30·4
July ... ..	26	27	+ 25·5	+ 1·4	+ 32·8	+ 21·6	+ 28·7	+ 30·7
August ... ..	25	27	+ 45·4	+ 7·9	+ 31·9	+ 23·4	+ 26·9	+ 31·6
September ... ..	25	25	+ 37·6	+ 11·6	+ 35·9	+ 21·8	+ 34·6	+ 33·5
October ... ..	26	26	+ 28·0	+ 21·3	+ 23·4	+ 19·2	+ 34·8	+ 30·2
November ... ..	26	26	+ 14·2	+ 28·6	+ 28·7	+ 21·7	+ 23·8	+ 29·1

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 26.



## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

## 11. RAILWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of November.			Five Months ended 30th November.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1944 ...	2,630,586	1,917,702	712,884	13,335,734	9,615,296	3,720,438
1945 ...	2,635,471	1,986,041	649,430	13,302,108	10,041,645	3,260,463
1946 ...	2,471,750	2,012,920	458,830	12,685,023	10,200,881	2,484,142

\* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,030,000 in year 1945-46.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

	Month of November.		Five Months ended 30th November.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1944 ...	1,628	19,528	8,137	103,082
1945 ...	1,414	21,051	7,178	109,171
1946 ...	1,523	21,045	7,716	106,962

\* Partly estimated.

## 12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

## SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Month of November—						
1944 ...	435,400	41,000	41,320	46,100	5,900	3,769
1945 ...	436,400	35,900	41,641	46,200	6,000	3,864
1946 ...	459,500	19,900	42,464	48,600	3,400	3,817
Five months ended 30th November—						
1944 ...	2,172,000	204,700	208,034	227,000	29,100	18,558
1945 ...	2,194,400	92,300	208,871	231,900	19,900	19,374
1946 ...	2,280,300	3,000	210,626	241,000	(- )1,200	18,296

\* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £488,486 in year 1945-46.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

## 13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

## NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st December.	31st December.	30th June.	31st October.	30th November.	31st December.
Cars ...	216,633	169,916	184,364	188,412	190,978	193,350	194,288	195,453
Lorries and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	80,495	88,670	97,176	103,603	105,157	106,598
Trailers ...	6,538	6,965	8,501	10,000	11,067	11,874	12,158	12,964
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,306	1,636	1,852	2,056	2,133	2,153	2,177
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	11,649	13,478	15,546	16,999	17,495	17,940
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	3,897	4,422	4,946	5,379	5,449	5,559
Omnibuses† ...	794	890	1,018	1,049	1,069	1,082	1,092	1,103
Taxi-cabs† ...	1,331	1,352	1,352	1,362	1,357	1,358	1,358	1,358
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	642	752	848	1,006	1,047	1,077
Total ...	329,219	267,768	293,554	309,997	325,043	336,784	340,197	344,229

\* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

## Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1942 ...	17	19	16	21	18	12	13	9	7	4	5	2
1943 ...	6	3	4	6	4	5	60	55	60	64	86	94
1944 ...	4	5	6	6	10	9	73	62	66	53	65	58
1945 ...	8	6	6	7	5	5	48	44	38	60	60	38
1946 ...	58	72	134	136	194	203	103	118	116	111	104	98

## 14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

## BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	503,346	527,733	556,775	564,184	570,080
February ...	500,449	533,597	561,066	563,702	570,952
March ...	502,810	536,795	560,665	563,791	573,205
April ...	503,494	537,319	561,638	567,295	576,218
May ...	500,565	543,419	563,277	571,616	575,144
June ...	500,451	552,044	560,032	572,697	575,864
July ...	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078	580,747
August ...	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893	583,172
September ...	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280	585,985
October ...	515,228	555,450	561,504	571,656	588,321
November ...	519,375	557,140	562,093	573,637	591,001
December ...	523,920	558,381	560,717	571,790	598,643

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

## 15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services*—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	35'73	49'48	Invalid, Old Age Pensions	13'64	15'25
Sales ... ..	14'51	21'24	Widows' Pensions ...	1'46	1'58
Income ... ..	87'92	81'90	Child Endowment ...	8'05	9'01
Payroll ... ..	5'61	6'68	Hospital Benefits ...	...	2'26
Estate ... ..	1'72	1'93	Other ... ..	1'60	2'33
Entertainments ...	2'31	2'46	Payments to States ...	7'99	10'74
Other ... ..	0'60	0'72	Tax Reimbursed to States	8'24	15'70
Total Taxes ... ..	148'40	164'41	Post Office ... ..	9'86	10'67
Post Office ... ..	13'97	14'73	Other ... ..	23'22	32'26
Other ... ..	5'54	6'23	Total ... ..	74'06	99'80
Total Revenue ...	167'91	185'37	Defence and Post War—		
			Revenue ... ..	97'99	87'18
			Loan ... ..	135'81	14'34
			Total Expenditure ...	307'86	201'32

\* Includes expenditure from balance held in National Welfare Fund £4,143,000 in 1945-46 and £1,609,000 in 1946-47.

## 16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
From Commonwealth—	£ 000	£ 000	Interest, Exchange and Sink-	£000	£000
Towards Interest ...	1,216	1,459	ing Fund ... ..	8,748	8,584
Reimbursement of Taxes...	3,599	6,590	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	...	544	Activities ... ..	807	968
Stamp and Probate Duty	2,360	2,677	Net Debt Charges ...	7,941	7,616
Other Taxes ... ..	702	713	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land ... ..	578	720	Governmental ... ..	10,691	12,031
Services ... ..	639	720	Business Undertakings ...	15,139	15,727
Other ... ..	2,376	2,239	Total Expenditure ...	33,771	35,374
Total Governmental	11,470	15,662			
Business Undertakings ...	19,331	19,408			
Total Revenue ...	30,801	35,070			

Loan expenditure on works and services during the six months ended December was gross £2,720,000 and net (i.e.) gross less repayments to loan account) £2,579,000 in 1946-47, compared with gross £2,210,000 and net £2,053,000 in 1945-46.

Note.—Receipts and expenditure of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund are not included in this statement.

## 17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1946 " ...	627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3
1945—September...	579.7	38.5	61.2	109.3	219.6	207.8
October ...	585.2	40.1	60.3	110.4	224.6	209.1
November...	591.4	38.4	61.5	113.0	227.3	210.1
December ...	606.3	42.2	66.9	115.7	230.0	208.9
1946—September...	622.0	36.7	27.0	109.9	251.3	243.6
October ...	623.9	36.5	24.5	107.9	252.3	252.5
November...	623.5	37.3	24.5	100.5	256.6	258.1
December ...	635.0	42.4	24.8	90.6	263.2	261.1

\* Excluding London Funds.

## 18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—December ...	81.8	180.4	265.1	106.2	223.2	443.5	675.5	240.2
1946—June ...	76.4	198.2	277.8	111.6	209.6	476.6	698.5	259.5
July ...	75.9	192.1	271.6	117.3	207.6	462.5	683.9	275.4
August ...	76.2	196.6	275.7	123.1	207.1	468.1	687.4	280.7
September ...	76.3	200.5	279.6	126.0	206.4	475.9	694.0	285.6
October ...	77.3	202.5	282.4	129.6	206.1	479.9	696.9	294.0
November ...	76.7	202.8	281.5	132.6	205.0	481.5	696.6	300.0
December ...	77.0	206.2	286.3	133.0	204.7	492.4	708.4	303.5

\* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by *monthly averages in Australia* of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by *quarterly averages in New South Wales* of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.
	Non- Government.	Total, including Government.			Non- Government.	Total, including Government.	
million £.							
1939 ...	113.6	114.9	122.5	1943	169.1	172.3	93.5
1940 ...	126.1	128.1	117.6	1944	200.9	203.6	85.1
1941 ...	134.4	137.3	113.7	1945	217.8	219.8	85.9
1942 ...	142.1	145.3	106.9				



## 19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount Deposits,†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1935 ...	77,906	January ...	86,824	146,283	181,801	224,705
1936 ...	80,000	February ...	86,591	150,375	184,725	228,711
1937 ...	81,952	March ...	86,269	154,154	187,894	230,420
1938 ...	86,016	April ...	86,222	156,025	189,566	230,920
1939 ...	87,474	May ...	86,097	157,045	192,884	232,221
1940 ...	82,111	June† ...	87,474	162,867	198,203	236,242
1941 ...	87,750	July ...	87,201	166,751	200,932	237,305
1942 ...	94,538	August ...	86,957	170,104	204,794	236,985
1943 ...	122,405	September ...	86,557	173,037	207,520	235,806
1944 ...	162,867	October ...	86,751	173,981	209,906	234,804
1945 ...	198,203	November ...	86,684	176,748	214,806	233,006
1946 ...	236,242	December ...	86,581	179,128	219,560	231,311

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £21,222,759 at 31st December, 1946, including £195,887 net receipts in December.

## 20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	98	117	123	136	150	152	154
February ...	75.5	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	96	114	123	139	147	149	157
March ...	80.5	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	93	110	119	138	146	145	164
April ...	70.7	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.9	98	111	125	150	150	154	176
May ...	82.0	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	100	117	125	155	158	160	184
June ...	80.3	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	101	123	133	163	166	169	195
July ...	71.2	98.9	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	98	125	130	155	168	167	206
August ...	74.9	87.0	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	99	123	135	160	169	168	214
September ...	74.9	94.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	99	124	134	155	163	166	217
October ...	78.0	101.8	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	182.2	100	123	138	152	159	166	216
November ...	86.1	99.6	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	164.1	102	124	135	149	153	164	211
December ...	91.7	104.9	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	165.6	106	124	136	150	152	159	208
Year ...	932.3	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	100	120	131	151	156	160	196

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926–1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## 21. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938 ... ..	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'76	...	...
1939 ... ..	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940 ... ..	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1942 ... ..	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'47	3'23
1943 ... ..	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'80	3'11	2'45	3'24
1944 ... ..	5'0	4'4	2'43	2'72	3	2'48	3'23
1945 ... ..	4'8	4'4	2'30	2'60	...	2'45	3'24
1946 ... ..	4'5	4'3	2'27	2'57	...	2'47	3'25
Months—			1'99	2'64	...	1'90	3'24
1946—March ...	4'7	4'3	1'97	2'62	...	1'82	3'24
June ... ..	4'4	4'3	1'98	2'74	...	1'78	3'25
July ... ..	4'4	4'2	1'93	2'60	...	1'90	3'24
August ... ..	4'4	4'2	1'92	2'52	...	1'88	3'25
September ...	4'4	4'3	1'94	2'51	...	1'88	3'25
October ... ..	4'4	4'4	1'96	2'50	...	1'91	3'25
November ...	4'6	4'4	1'90	2'56	...	1'92	3'23
December ...	4'5	4'4	2'01	2'77	...	1'96	3'21

\* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

‡ Subsequent yields uncertain.

## 22. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	1,148	916	595	383	608	1,078
February ...	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,507	1,999	2,357	1,329	975	390	611	593	1,179
March ...	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	2,059	2,726	1,320	996	503	663	688	1,047
April ...	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,663	3,832	1,305	891	536	302	526	1,431
May ...	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	2,204	4,097	1,324	526	381	495	606	1,641
June ...	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	2,373	3,593	1,273	599	400	687	864	1,708
July ...	3,165	1,540	1,783	1,992	2,726	4,005	1,470	622	399	543	902	1,622
August ...	2,545	1,671	1,379	2,241	2,238	5,670	1,213	451	450	723	861	2,352
September ...	2,941	1,616	1,551	1,772	2,684	6,440	1,571	516	432	597	1,005	2,328
October ...	3,013	1,514	1,549	1,654	3,260	5,826	1,413	423	618	634	1,128	2,161
November ...	2,548	1,942	1,558	1,899	3,106	5,180	1,022	530	558	529	1,072	2,163
December ...	2,972	1,260	1,592	1,708	2,195	4,105	1,242	562	494	699	899	2,473
Year ...	33,239	21,609	17,542	19,462	28,293	50,677	15,630	8,007	5,756	6,866	9,752	21,183

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 23. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of December.			Year ended 31st December.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1944 ... ..	5,859	128,189	47,731	942,182	1,422,160	600,149
1945 ... ..	11,297	73,970	65,011	913,650	1,430,685	1,011,145
1946 ... ..	19,561	56,538	86,032	679,953	1,544,229	1,199,843

See note under Table 22. \* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

## 24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945-Oct. ...	255.3	216.3	178.2	150.8	274.6	204.5	220.2
Nov. ...	266.3	224.1	182.1	156.9	291.5	212.8	229.7
Dec. ...	266.0	224.0	182.3	154.7	291.5	212.6	229.3
1946-Jan. ...	266.0	225.8	182.1	153.0	291.5	212.8	229.0
Feb. ...	266.2	226.5	182.3	154.0	291.5	213.0	229.2
Mar. ...	267.3	227.6	184.0	157.2	292.6	213.5	230.3
April ...	278.9	236.8	190.2	161.8	306.2	221.5	240.1
May ...	280.5	239.5	191.1	162.8	306.9	222.8	241.2
June ...	280.5	239.4	190.9	161.0	306.9	222.3	240.8
July ...	280.5	239.5	190.5	161.6	306.9	222.3	240.6
Aug. ...	285.7	244.6	193.6	165.1	312.2	226.2	244.5
Sept. ...	290.5	250.1	196.2	163.7	322.5	229.9	247.1
Oct. ...	289.0	251.9	196.4	159.4	322.5	229.3	245.6
Nov. ...	290.0	251.8	195.9	158.0	322.5	229.1	245.7
Dec. ...	292.4	251.6	197.3	160.7	322.5	229.7	247.2

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

## 25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946-May ...	4	2.19	54	2 3	51	8 10	354	19 5	10	15 3
June ...	4	2.88	53	14 6	50	10 7	354	19 5	10	15 3
July ...	4	2.88	61	13 4	54	8 4	354	19 5	10	15 3
August ...	5	2.91	62	9 1	54	16 8	354	19 5	10	15 3
September ...	5	4.17	63	12 7	59	12 4	354	19 5	10	15 3
October ...	5	4.17	66	16 6	61	19 0	354	19 5	10	15 3
November ...	5	4.17	69	10 1	62	13 8	354	19 5	10	15 3

## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

## 26. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (a)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)		Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)
					Gov'tal Munit'ns and Aircraft.	Other.				
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	139.5	393.4	529.9	...	0.6	158.2	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	10.2	191.9	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	21.6	191.7	80.3	32.3	36.0	46.0
1943—July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	26.8	191.0	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3
1944—July ...	152.4	369.7	522.1	24.4	20.1	197.5	84.1	28.4	34.2	45.4
1945—July ...	156.5	377.5	534.0	24.6	14.8	199.8	88.0	29.9	35.9	47.6
Dec. ...	157.1	361.8	518.9	22.5	6.6	181.9	88.9	35.8	39.6	50.5
1946—Jan. ...	156.7	392.6	549.3	23.7	6.3	205.9	90.3	35.2	42.2	52.3
Feb. ...	159.4	409.9	569.3	24.9	6.6	216.1	93.5	36.3	43.6	53.5
Mar. ...	162.1	418.4	580.5	24.9	6.5	219.6	94.5	37.6	45.5	54.9
April ...	163.4	421.1	584.5	24.2	5.8	222.1	94.3	38.6	45.8	55.9
May ...	166.7	431.5	598.2	25.1	5.6	226.4	96.0	39.4	48.2	57.4
June ...	168.9	436.9	605.8	25.3	5.4	228.2	98.8	40.3	49.0	57.7
July ...	170.2	442.2	612.4	25.3	235.2	...	99.3	41.8	50.3	58.5
Aug. ...	170.4	448.7	619.1	25.4	238.1	...	99.9	42.0	51.4	59.3
Sept. ...	170.2	453.7	623.9	25.7	239.5	...	100.5	42.6	52.3	60.0
Oct. ...	170.9	458.1	629.0	25.8	241.2	...	100.2	43.5	52.5	60.9
Nov. ...	171.7	461.6	633.3	26.1	241.2	...	100.9	44.7	52.7	61.3
Dec. ...	172.7	460.9	633.6	26.0	239.4	...	100.8	46.0	53.0	61.7
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	0.7	75.3	8.1	40.9	17.6	57.0
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	3.9	80.9	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
1943—July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	13.2	81.4	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
1944—July ...	45.5	206.1	251.6	0.2	9.1	82.5	13.9	37.2	20.4	65.7
1945—July ...	43.3	208.8	252.1	0.2	5.4	81.0	14.6	39.2	20.6	68.5
Dec. ...	37.2	206.8	244.0	0.2	1.4	76.0	13.9	43.8	20.4	68.4
1946—Jan. ...	36.8	206.1	242.9	0.2	1.2	77.3	14.0	40.5	20.6	69.5
Feb. ...	36.3	208.8	245.1	0.2	1.1	78.8	13.8	40.7	20.5	70.6
Mar. ...	35.4	211.4	246.8	0.2	1.1	80.2	13.4	41.0	20.5	71.4
April ...	34.9	210.6	245.5	0.2	0.9	79.7	13.2	40.6	20.4	71.8
May ...	34.4	213.1	247.5	0.2	0.9	80.9	13.1	40.9	20.5	72.4
June ...	33.4	213.3	246.7	0.2	0.8	81.4	13.1	40.8	20.5	72.2
July ...	32.9	214.3	247.2	0.2	83.1	...	12.6	40.9	20.6	72.2
Aug. ...	32.3	215.0	247.3	0.2	83.2	...	12.5	40.5	20.9	72.7
Sept. ...	32.1	217.1	249.2	0.2	83.9	...	12.3	41.1	21.0	73.4
Oct. ...	31.6	219.3	250.9	0.2	84.6	...	12.1	41.3	21.5	74.1
Nov. ...	31.3	222.2	253.5	0.2	85.5	...	12.0	43.0	21.4	74.5
Dec. ...	31.2	223.6	254.8	0.2	84.9	...	11.9	44.8	21.3	74.6
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	0.6	217.5	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	10.9	267.2	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.5
1942—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	25.5	272.6	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9
1943—July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	40.0	272.4	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
1944—July ...	197.9	575.8	773.7	24.6	29.2	280.0	98.0	65.6	54.6	111.1
1945—July ...	199.8	586.3	786.1	24.8	20.2	280.8	102.6	69.1	56.5	116.1
Dec. ...	194.3	568.6	762.9	22.7	8.0	257.9	102.8	79.6	60.0	118.9
1946—Jan. ...	193.5	598.7	792.2	23.9	7.5	283.2	104.3	75.7	62.8	121.8
Feb. ...	195.7	618.7	814.4	25.1	7.7	294.9	107.3	77.0	64.1	124.1
Mar. ...	197.5	629.8	827.3	25.1	7.6	299.8	107.9	78.6	66.0	126.3
April ...	198.3	631.7	830.0	24.4	6.7	301.8	107.5	79.2	66.2	127.7
May ...	201.1	644.6	845.7	25.3	6.5	307.3	109.1	80.3	68.7	129.8
June ...	202.3	650.2	852.5	25.5	6.2	309.6	111.9	81.1	69.5	129.9
July ...	203.1	656.5	859.6	25.5	318.3	...	111.9	82.7	70.9	130.7
Aug. ...	202.7	663.7	866.4	25.6	321.3	...	112.4	82.5	72.3	132.0
Sept. ...	202.3	670.8	873.1	25.9	323.4	...	112.8	83.7	73.3	133.4
Oct. ...	202.5	677.4	879.9	26.0	325.8	...	112.3	84.8	74.0	135.0
Nov. ...	203.0	683.8	886.8	26.3	326.7	...	112.9	87.7	74.1	135.8
Dec. ...	203.9	684.5	888.4	26.2	324.3	...	112.7	90.8	74.3	136.3

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1945, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).



## 27. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).  
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	136	141	141	164	155	173	165
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	135	142	145	159	161	174	181
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	130	143	146	164	165	171	185
April... ..	100	104	96	110	125	137	141	147	164	162	172	189
May ... ..	100	106	95	110	128	128	146	144	166	172	178	192
June ... ..	100	103	99	114	131	135	150	154	174	176	176	197
July ... ..	100	105	97	112	134	139	149	158	171	177	184	195
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	137	151	157	181	181	177	195
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	134	151	158	171	172	180	201
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	137	154	163	162	169	174	203
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	139	152	161	164	171	179	200
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	138	153	165	163	169	123	180
Year ... ..	100	105	96	112	131	135	148	154	167	170	172	191

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

## 28. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,403	1,176	1,154	23'7
December ...	1,015	1,042	1,449	1,179	1,143	22'5
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22'8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ..	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ..	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2

\* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

## 29. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947...	108 0				107 0			

\* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 30th June, 1946, was 2,924,654 or 39·3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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